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SUBJECT: STATE COOPERATION WITH GAO SURVEYS/REVIEWS
ALSO VIENNA FOR UNIDO AND LONDON FOR SHIPPING ATTACHE
, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO RESTATE AND CLARIFY
DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING VISITS BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO)
TO MISSIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO OFFICES OR
PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

A. GAO WILL INITIALLY ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT, WITH SUBSTANTIAL
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LEAD TIME, OF A PROPOSED VISIT TO A POST OR U.S. MISSION TO,
OR PROGRAM OF, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BY A LETTER
WHICH DEFINES THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE VISIT. IN THE
EVENT CONTACTS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICE/
PROGRAM ARE DESIRED, THE LETTER WILL ALSO STATE THE AREA(S)
OF INTEREST WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION, THE SPECIFIC TYPE(S) OF
INFORMATION DESIRED, AND THE PROPOSED TIMING OF THE VISIT.

B. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY THE MISSION/POST BY CABLE OF THE PROPOSED VISIT, WITH AN INFORMATION COPY TO THE APPROPRIATE GAO BRANCH/GROUP DIRECTOR;

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C. WHEN THE GAO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICE/PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK, OR THE MISSION/POST, IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, WILL ASSURE THAT INQUIRY IS MADE OF THE ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS, AS APPROPRIATE, ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH A VISIT AND WILL MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS ARE POSSIBLE. NO GAO VISITS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICES/PROGRAMS ARE TO BE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE ORGANIZATION GIVES ITS CONCURRENCE. (IN THE CASE OF UNDP, OR OTHER AGENCY, FIELD PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED ON BY THE SEVERAL AUTONOMOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; CLEARANCE FROM BOTH UNDP HEADQUARTERS AND THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCY HEADQUARTERS IS NECESSARY.) WHEN ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS ARE TO BE REVIEWED AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S CONCURRENCE MUST IN ALL CASES BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE OF TRAVEL TO THE COUNTRY CONCERNED;

D. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE, THE GAO BRANCH/GROUP DIRECTOR, WITH AN INFORMATION COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT, WILL ADVISE THE MISSION/POST OF THE EXACT DATES OF THE DESIRED VISIT, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF THE AUDITORS AND THE RANGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT THAT IS PROPOSED, SUCH AS HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, INTERPRETATION SERVICES AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATIONS. WHERE POST FACILITIES ARE NOT SUCH THAT THE DESIRED SUPPORT SERVICES CAN BE MET THE GAO DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE THE POST WITH THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL DATA;

E. THE CHIEF OF MISSION (COM) MAY NEGOTIATE WITH THE GAO CONCERNING THE DATES OF THE VISIT IF THE PROPOSED DATES CONFLICT WITH ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE MISSION OR ORGANIZATION CONCERNED, KEEPING THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

2. THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY GAO WASHINGTON AND ALL GAO OVERSEAS DIRECTORS ARE AWARE OF THEM. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED SHOULD THE GAO FAIL TO ADHERE TO THEM.

3. THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY WITH RESPECT TO GAO VISITS TO

MISSIONS FOLLOWS:

A. WE SUPPORT GAO SURVEYS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PRINCIPLE, AND WISH TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE;

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B. WITH RESPECT TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, GAO MAY EXAMINE ONLY U.S. MATERIAL/RECORDS AND SUCH DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AS THEY DESIRE TO MAKE PUBLIC.

C. DISCUSSIONS/MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES, OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR FOREIGN CITIZENS, WHICH ARE A COURTESY THAT MAY BE EXTENDED TO A U.S. INVESTIGATORY BODY AND ARE NOT A RIGHT, ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COM. SUCH DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE ARRANGED ONLY BY THE MISSION, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE OFFICIAL (S) INVOLVED, AND A MISSION OFFICER SHOULD IN ALL CASES ACCOMPANY THE GAO REPRESENTATIVE(S).

4. BASIC GUIDANCE CONCERNING GAO AUDITS AND DEPARTMENT POLICY RELATING TO THEM MAY BE FOUND IN 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ANY RELATING TO GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR RESOLUTION.
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